



**THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
OF TEXAS**

Honorable T. O. Walton, President
Agricultural & Mechanical College of Texas
College Station, Texas

Dear Sir:

Opinion No. O-4131

Re: Items 273 and 274, of House
Bill 272, Acts Regular Ses-
sion, Forty-seventh Legisla-
ture, as provided on twelve
months basis.

Your letter of October 14th states that the appropriation provided for A. & M. College for the current biennium fails to indicate in connection with that portion thereof providing the clerical force of the School of Arts & Science, that the appropriations for such clerical force are on a twelve months basis. You note that all appropriations are for nine months except when indicated otherwise, and ask the opinion of this department upon the question: Is the State Comptroller authorized to pay vouchers for items 273 and 274 on a twelve months rather than a nine months basis.

We do not know where you obtained your information to the effect that the appropriation for A. & M. College fails to provide specifically for the clerical force of the School of Arts & Science on a twelve months basis.

We have this morning examined the enrolled bill in the office of the Secretary of State, to-wit, House Bill 272, Acts Forty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session. The portion of the bill which concerns your inquiry provides as follows:

"Clerical force -School of Arts & Science
(12 months)

"273. Stenographer . . . \$1,000.00 - \$1,000.00

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"274. Stenographer . . . \$1,000.00 - \$1,000.00

"275. Stenographer . . . \$1,000.00 - \$1,000.00

In accordance, therefore, with the express provisions of the enrolled bill, your question is answered in the affirmative.

Yours very truly

APPROVED OCT 22, 1941
/s/ Grover Sellers
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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS
/s/ Richard W. Fairchild
Assistant

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APPROVED OPINION COMMITTEE
By BWB, Chairman